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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 26, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-2 as being anticipated under Section 102(b) by Bourland, U.S. Patent No. 2,209,725.

2. Rejected Claims 1-3 and 7 as being anticipated under Section 102(b) by Curtis, U.S. Patent No. 607,221.

3. Indicated that Claim 11 would be allowable if it is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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